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Amendments To The Claims:

This following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. No new matter has been added

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A sensor-container combination comprising:
a container including a container body and a lid; and
a plurality of sensors stored in the container,
wherein the container body includes a bottom part, and ~~the bottom part only the~~ the whole part of the container is one of transparent and semi-transparent,
the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a mediator that mediates transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction, and
the mediator is a lightfast transitional metal complex, the lightfast transitional metal complex is [Ru(NH₃)₆].

11. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container has a scale for determining the number of the sensors in the container.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the sensors have lightfastness.

14-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is

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electrodes that detect current produced by oxidation or reduction of the mediator, and the sensors are electrode sensors.

17. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is a substrate of the oxidation-reduction enzyme that colors through oxidation or reduction, and the sensors are colorimetric sensors.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container body has a circular opening,

the lid has a circular projection, and the circular projection of the lid is capable of fitting into the circular opening of the container body.

20. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container body and the lid are connected to each other with a hinge.

21. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein a color of the bottom part is selected from the group consisting of black, gray, brown, blue, green, red, yellow, and white.

22. (Currently Amended) A sensor-container combination comprising:
a container that includes a container body and a lid, and that
at least one part of the container is one of at least partly transparent and semi-transparent; and
a plurality of sensors stored in the container,
wherein the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a lightfast transition metal complex that mediates the transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects the oxidation-reduction reaction, and
the lightfast transition metal complex is $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$.

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23-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the container has a scale for determining the number of the sensors in the container.

30. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the sensors have lightfastness.

31. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is electrodes that detect current produced by oxidation or reduction of the mediator, and the sensors are electrode sensors.

32. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, where the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is a substrate of the oxidation-reduction enzyme that colors through oxidation or reduction, and the sensors are colorimetric sensors.

33. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the container body has a circular opening, the lid has a circular projection, and the circular projection of the lid is capable of fitting into the circular opening of the container body.

34. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the container body and the lid are connected to each other with a hinge.

35. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein a color of the bottom part is selected from the group consisting of black, gray, brown, blue, green, red, yellow, and white.

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36. (New) A method for storing a plurality of sensors in a container comprising:
containing a plurality of sensors in a container; and
allowing the sensors to be visually checked during the containing step,
wherein the container includes a container body and a lid, the container body
includes a bottom part,
the bottom part and at least one part of the side part of the container being one of
transparent and semi-transparent,
the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a mediator that mediates
transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects
a reaction of the oxidation or reduction, and
the mediator is a lightfast transitional metal complex, the lightfast transitional
metal complex is $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$.

37. (New) A method for storing a plurality of sensors in a container comprising:
containing a plurality of sensors in a container; and
allowing the sensors to be visually checked during the containing step,
wherein the container includes a container body and a lid and at least one part of
the container being one of transparent and semi-transparent, and
wherein the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a lightfast transition
metal complex that mediates the transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction,
and a detection means that detects the oxidation-reduction reaction, and the lightfast
transition metal complex is $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$.